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REMARKS

In the Office Action noted above, the patent examiner indicated that the rejection based on Nakama *et al.* has been withdrawn.

Moreover, the patent examiner indicated that claims 22 through 28 would be allowable if claims 22 and 25 were rewritten to overcome the rejection(s) under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph. The undersigned attorney gratefully acknowledges the suggestions made by the patent attorney with regard to overcoming the rejection(s) thereunder.

By the preceding amendments, claims 22 and 25 have been rewritten so as to incorporate the suggestions made by the patent examiner, whereupon claims 22 through 28 should be now allowable. The undersigned attorney invites the patent examiner to telephone him if any issues remain unresolved.

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